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RESIDENTS SAY NO TO REZONING

By Pat O'Neill

At the public meeting held at Yorkwoods Library, May 5th, over a hundred people supported a motion to oppose any rezoning at this time of the land at the northwest side of Finch at Jane street. This meeting was organized by the Urban Planning Group and DWAC.

The current zoning allows for single family housing and low rise apartments with some industrial use permitted. The District 10 Plan, however, allows for high density housing and commercial development. An application made by the developer to change the zoning to comply with the District 10 Plan will be decided by Council once a Public Hearing has been held sometime in June.

During the meeting it was suggested that it would be better for the community to accept the developers' proposal, of over 1300 units in 6 high rise towers, and negotiate for facilities such as commercial recreation. It was pointed out that the developer was not in a position to solve all problems

related to overcrowded schools or traffic congestion. It would also be unfair and unrealistic to expect the developer to solve all the recreational needs of Ward 3.

The possibility of opposition by other community groups or individuals to the position taken on rezoning was raised. In response, it was noted that every attempt had been made to provide opportunity for input from the community in order to gain a consensus. One of these opportunities was a workshop held at York University on Saturday, April 24th. Over 30 residents of the area spent the better part of the day brainstorming ideas for use of the land in question, studying the present proposals, and trying to reach a consensus on a plan of action. It was from the discussion at this workshop that the resolution to oppose rezoning at this time was formulated.

The motion to oppose rezoning at this time was passed with only four opposing votes. It will be forwarded to North York Council.



Concerned residents pay close attention to presentation

Photo by Bill Walcus Jr.

Board Votes No!

After a lengthy discussion at its May 3rd meeting, the North York Board of Education decided to oppose any further development in the Jane-Finch area at this time.

Faced with serious overcrowding at the Junior High and High School levels, the Board felt that any further residential development would aggravate current problems.

By a majority of 14 to 2, the Board supported Trustee David Logan's motion to recommend against the high density proposed as not in the best interests of our children. The Board authorized David Logan to support community opposition to any zoning change.

The trustees who did not support the motion were George McCleary, Trustee for Ward 5, and Robert Bradley, the Separate School representative. Mr. Bradley is the head of community relations workers for Ontario Housing Corporation.

YAP NAMES DIRECTOR



New Director of YAP, Stephen Rumm

Photo by I.T. Agency

YAP (Youth Action Project) has announced the appointment of its new director, Stephen Rumm. Mr. Rumm has been a youth worker since his graduation with a B. A. in Sociology from York University in 1971. Just prior to coming to YAP, Mr. Rumm was Community Youth Director for the Burlington Family YMCA in Burlington. He has his teaching certificate and has been employed in the Hastings County (Belleville area) school system.

Mr. Rumm sees YAP's primary responsibility as that of preventing juvenile

delinquency. He sees the project as serving this function in several ways. One way is to work directly with youth by developing programs by and for them as an alternative to crime. Another way is to work with those people who have direct contact with youth -- teachers, security people, etc. A third important aspect of the Youth Action Project would be the documentation and evaluation of these programs. "We can learn from our failures as well as our successes and we can pass on to other people knowledge gained from our strengths and limitations."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 7:30 P.M.
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To explain the situation and considerations regarding Firgrove Public School and St. Francis de Sales Catholic School.

Bring questions and concerns to the attention of your School Board and elected representatives.

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ATTENTION YOUTH!

A special week at the beginning of June is being planned so that all youth in and around the Jane strip will be made aware of what is available to them for the summer months. As many of the programmes have not yet been finalized, the youth and parents can get involved by suggesting their preferences. Information booths manned by representatives of different agencies will be set up at key locations during this week.

Tuesday, June 1st at Oakdale Junior High School from 11:15 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 2nd at Westview Centennial Secondary School from 11:15 a.m. till 2 p.m.

Thursday, June 3rd at Jane Junior High School from 11:15 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Friday, June 4th at the Jane-Finch Mall from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 5th at Jane-Finch Mall from 11 a.m. till 5 p.m.

It's your Summer. get involved.

Any service agencies wishing to participate, please call DWIP at 630-2724 or 635-1827.

CANADA DAY

Each year a Canada Day celebration is organized for communities in the north end of Ward 3. This year the program is being organized by the Jane-Driftwood Community Centre Advisory Board and will be held on **Saturday, June 26th**, at Jane Junior High School. It is hoped that this earlier day will encourage more school participation and attract

many of those who normally go away for the long July 1st weekend.

In addition to successful past activities such as the penny carnival, there will be continuous movies, refreshments, bingo, games, and a big display about the community centre. In the evening there will be a dance at York University for the whole com-

munity. The committee will be distributing more information on flyers in June but plan now to attend.

North York helps to fund festivities throughout the Borough to encourage neighbours to celebrate together.

Groups or individuals who would like to help out or participate please call Dave Logan at 630-6949.



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From Your Editor

On Wednesday, May 5, about 100 residents of this community attended a meeting at the Yorkwoods Library. The purpose was to outline a strategy for assuring that the development planned for the north-west corner of Jane and Finch coincides with the needs of this community. A report of that meeting is on page 1 of this newspaper. Please read it.

One hundred out of fifty thousand is not a very large percentage. Perhaps the reason North York Council has not been so responsive to our problems is because so few of us seem to care.

After working long and hard on other projects with little result, perhaps many of you feel that citizen protest is futile. Let me remind you that this is different. We now have documented facts detailing the overcrowding, lack of facilities, and traffic problems. The current zoning for a portion of the land in question is for low density housing. The developer will have to have the zoning changed in order to build the six high rises he wants. We have the Klein and Sears report and the North York Board of Education to support our plans to oppose this change of zoning.

Now we need the numbers. We must let Planning Board and Council know that the people of Ward 3 are not going to just sit back and take whatever is foisted on us. We need to make our voices heard.

There has not yet been a date set for a Public Hearing with Planning Board. This is the next step. Watch for the date or, better still, call the Chairman of North York Planning Board, Morton Smith, at 863-1900 and ask when this hearing will take place.

When the date is announced, let's all be there. Let the residents of Ward 3 present a unified force to be reckoned with.

Your donations are coming in slowly. We thank those of you who have already contributed and urge the rest of our readers to help support this newspaper. We need your help if we are to continue bringing you the Jane Corridor.

We wish to thank the following people who have sent in donations to the Jane Corridor:
Monique Lessard
Ada and William West
An anonymous donor

Dear Editor,

As a resident of the Jane and Finch area for over two years (previously a renter -- now an owner), I wish to thank you for a good community paper. I hope you can get the financial help you need.

I hope the developer does not get his own way for the area at Jane and Finch. . . . Do you think Fred Young and Mr. Kaplan might be able to help our community fight the problems in this area? . . .

Yours truly,
Dennis Vose
17 Gosford Blvd. T.H. No. 5

CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

.....Readers Forum.....

Dear Editor,

P. Pallotta's letter in the April issue of the Jane Corridor indicates he is not happy with the recently purchased Yorkwoods Community Centre.

I would like to inform Mr. Pallotta that there are 3 offices in the building, 2 of which are used 8 hours a day, five days a week and one which is reserved for the use of the Department of Parks and Recreation and used only a little less frequently. Community groups such as DWAC and DWIP, the Advisory Board of the Community Centre and others use these offices for evening meetings.

An Italian senior citizens group meets three afternoons a week in the upstairs hall facility. A teenage disco dance is held once a week as well as weekly church services. A Teen Life-line group operates every Wednesday. Weekly boy scout and girl guide meetings are held at the Centre as well as special occasion fund raising programmes. This during our winter-time "slow" period and in a building whose shape and acoustics make it far short of the ideal community centre.

This may be Mr. Pallotta's opinion of "empty 95% of the time." It certainly is not mine, nor is it the opinion of the 250 people who were interested enough to sign the letter of support we offered Katy Hayhurst, our Alderman, when the question of

buying the Community Centre was being considered by the Borough of North York. Our letter was just one of many.

Mr. Pallotta's suggestion that a preferable purchase for our Ward would have been the land at the NW corner of Jane and Finch is, to say the least ludicrous. The present Community Centre which contains the hall and offices I described above plus one adult pool, a wading pool, a tennis court and an enclosed play area for young children, was purchased for \$125,000.00. The parcel of land Mr. Pallotta would like the Borough to purchase is worth nearer the million dollar mark. It consists of an undeveloped field; in the meantime, our present location is ideal.

As to our Alderman doing her job, I suggest that is exactly what she is doing in responding to her constituents requests, as evidenced by our letters of support, that the Community Centre be purchased for and used by the residents in this part of Ward 3. And speaking of jobs undone; why isn't Mr. Pallotta aware of exactly what is happening in this Community Centre. He is Chairman of the Advisory Board after all.

Perhaps he has been missing meetings because he is home penning letters to the Editor.

Yours truly,
Donna Wilson

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter from Mr. Peter Pallotta in the April issue of Jane Corridor:

Where was Mr. Palotta when the residents and organizations of this area were informed that Alderman Hayhurst was fighting for funds in order to buy the Yorkwoods Gate Community Centre for the people of this Ward? Does he really believe that the funds were granted to her just as though she had put in a request for petty cash funds?

To my knowledge, and please correct me if I'm wrong, all council decisions are based on a majority vote by said council. If this is not so, then I must phone my Alderman post haste and ask her to buy the Jane-Finch Mall for those organizations in the community who could use a bit more office space. Let's hear it from you Alderman Hayhurst. Could you sort of drop a hint to your buddy at the Borough who signs the cheques?

A little tweetie-bird told me that Mr. Pallotta was on the Advisory Board of the Community Centre. Could he not persuade his fellow members to unlock the doors and let others in?

Strange . . . but I drop into that building the odd time and I've never found it absolutely empty yet. Well, hardly ever. Please don't just take my word for it. Ask Cherie Wrigley or Donna Wilson or Francie McMullen or Jack Wilson or have a chat with 13th Downsview Cubs and Scouts or the Board of YAP. Need I go on?

Sincerely,
Sheena Suttaby

Dear Editor,

The children in Driftwood School are selling chocolate bars to raise money for a creative playground. I want a lot of interesting things for the playground. I can't wait until it is finished. I hope everyone will buy lots of chocolate.

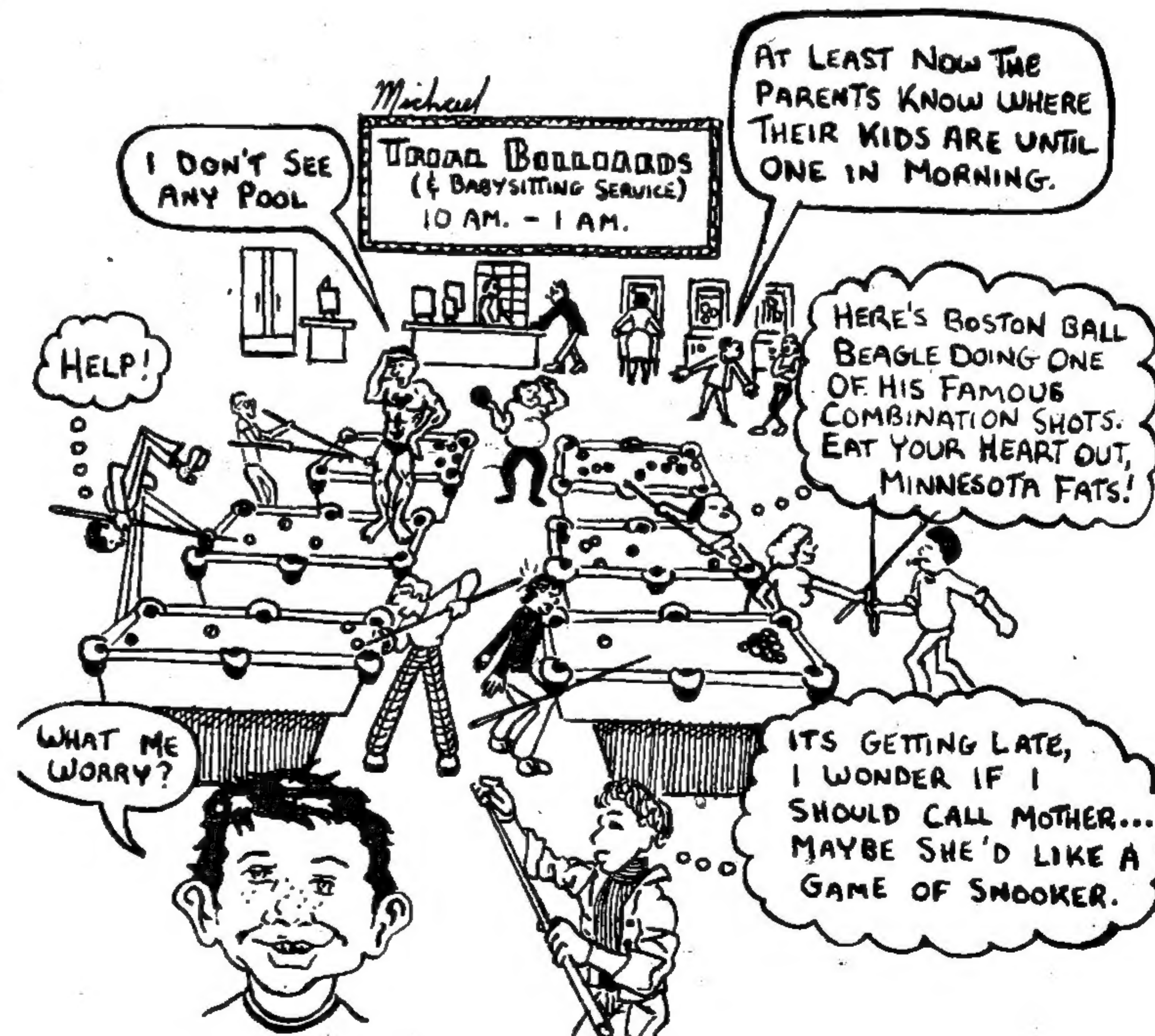
From Eric Steinbach
Grade 1, Driftwood School

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alienate people and further isolate them from outside contact. Therefore, it is important that we be well informed on issues concerning each and every one of us in our daily lives, thus enabling us to determine our own destiny.

Please help support your paper.

Cordially,
A friend in the community
Cherie Wrigley



• Readers Forum •

Dear Editor,

It has been some time since I was active with the Urban Planning Group in this area and I regret I cannot take part in their activities. However, I do have a few suggestions re the corner of Jane and Finch which I prefer to recommend using the medium of your paper.

1. Rather than being antagonistic towards the developer, I think the group should be working together with him. It is not his fault that the Borough of North York has not enforced the protection for the community that was provided for it so clearly in the District 10 Plan and the Official Plan Act. The developer merely wants to utilize the property he invested in without losing money. One of the things we can do to work with the developer is to show him how necessary a building freeze for ten years is and then offer to support him in an appeal for lower taxes during the freeze period. This will make his loss less and put us in a better bargaining position. The developer has the resources and we have the social needs. What a combination! We cannot afford to be his enemy.

2. We should be working on more statistics in our area to find out if the by-laws are being enforced. What about health regulations in overcrowded buildings? Get

reports on these weekly from our alderman. Also the traffic reports in the area are available from the alderman.

What about sewers and public works? Are they standing up to the high density? Also can the schools allow us to see address records so we can trace the density to offending buildings or homes? This is vital to our survival.

3. All this brings us to the responsibility of the Borough of North York. This borough can and should be charged with gross negligence of the community and direct mismanagement of the power given them by the Official Plan Act. They should be forced to purchase the remaining land in Ward 3 for land banking in the future when they have carried out their obligations under this act.

4. North York should also be brought to task for not creating or enforcing by-laws to protect the density as outlined in the District 10 Plan. This plan was very well studied by a group of residents called the "Ward One Ratepayers Council" and, in fact, the second draft came about as a result of their negotiations with the Planning Board at that time. Like any law, though, it is only as good as the people elected to enforce it.

Sally-Ann Kerman, President
University Village Ratepayers

Dear Editor,

Do you care about overcrowded schools? Do you worry about the education your children are receiving?

Then you will be interested to know that in Ward 3, Blacksmith, Driftwood, Gosford, Yorkwoods and Firgrove public elementary schools are at, or above capacity. Jane Junior High School, Oakdale Junior High School and Westview Secondary School are all above capacity. St. Jane Frances, St. Augustine, St. Martha, St. Charles Garnier and St. Frances De Sales are all above capacity.

With all these schools being overcrowded, the school boards have just installed portables instead of solving the problem. Westview Secondary School has 15 portables, Firgrove and St. Frances De Sales have 11, Jane Junior High School has 10, Oakdale Junior High School has 8 and the other overcrowded schools in Ward 3 have 4.

The parents of the children who go to St. Frances De Sales have been waiting for a school since 1971. The land and plans for the school have been available but, for some reason, the building of the school has never taken place.

Right now, they are sharing facilities with the badly overcrowded Firgrove School.

It seems the Separate School Board has been busy doing everything but build the school.

Now the Metropolitan Separate School Board is looking forward to buying enough land on the north-western corner of Jane and Finch, hopefully, for a Separate Elementary School and possibly a Separate High School. Will these schools be built or will the community get another run-around?

So, since many questions remain unanswered, a public meeting with the Metropolitan Separate School Board Trustee, Sam Marafioti, Public School Trustee, David Logan, and other important officials from the Ministry of Education is set for Wednesday, June 16th at 7.30 p.m. in the gymnasium at St. Frances De Sales. This is the meeting that the people in the community wanted. So, to have your questions answered and to show that you care about our serious school problem, it is important that every person in the community who is concerned be present.

Sincerely,
Peter Pallotta

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Entertainment

by Don Bruce

Meteorologically speaking,
The slide from April to May
Has not brought the weather we're seeking.
Dark clouds have made night out of day.
With Spring erratic;
its most emphatic
to consider approaching June
as not coming a moment too soon.

This poetry lark is going to kill me, if some of my readers don't get there first.

On Saturday, May 8th, I attended, as your columnist, a performance by the Italian Art Theatre of a 4 act Drama entitled "La Morte Civile" or "Civil Death".

This drama, written in 1861, concerns a wife; whose husband is in prison for murder; trying to make a respectable life for her daughter with the help of a friend. The Church's influence is very strong and the Abbot obviously considers the relationship as sinful.

Further complications arise when the husband escapes after 15 years and goes to the house of the Abbot. A series of traumatic circumstances culminate in the fugitive finding a solution to the problems by committing suicide.

Although the dialogue was dramatic by virtue of the nature of the plot, Director Fulvio Marchi coaxed from his company a performance which actually brought laughter from the audience on a number of occasions. Drama of this nature can sometimes be either overplayed or badly done, and it is the measure of the rapport between Director Marchi and his well chosen cast, that such was not the case with this production. Although the term is usually applied to comedy, this script contained quite a number of what can only be described as throw away lines, which were well handled by those who delivered them. The tension created by the Church-Government-Private Individual triangle was sustained through most of the action without being overly oppressive and draining.

A difficult subject, a very good performance and a most enjoyable evening. Thank you all.

Keep in touch with Yorkwoods Library and Burton Auditorium at York University and make sure not to miss anything that is going on by way of entertainment.

Give your support. Goodbye till next month.

Westview Music Supporters

By Lois Favro

On April 20th, a group of hard working students put on a MONTE CARLO NIGHT at Westview Centennial Secondary School to raise some funds for their club.

Special thanks are due to Sharon Derchenes, Colin Thomson, Steve Shields, Marlene Tweedy, Debbie Baker, Lesa Donskov and Mike Kirstein who all worked so hard preparing for this event. Thanks should also be extended to the bunny girls and the dealers who work during the evening.

Cash receipts were not as high as last year but we were competing against the hockey play-offs and Wintario Lottery Night and it is hard to admit that we lost out to the electronic media.



There has been a change in MUSIC NIGHT at Westview as it coincides with the Canadian Stage Band Festival at York University. The new date will be Wednesday, June 9th -- curtain time 7.30 p.m. Please try to attend as it will be an enjoyable evening.

Remember June 11th -- the band will be performing at Ontario Place.

Continue to support us and we will keep you entertained.

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OLIVER PLAYERS: David Neary, Terry McConnell, Linda Galessiere, Michele Naples and fellow actors in a delightful performance.
Photo by Bill Waicus Jr.

OLIVER Comes to Stanley Road

By Bill Waicus Jr.

Lionel Bart's original musical "Oliver!" came to Stanley Road School April 28 and 29 to a standing ovation. By any standards it was a delightful, unpretentious production very well received and appreciated by over 400 parents, relatives and friends.

Since open auditions in March over 100 grade 4, 5 and 6 students and a dozen staff came together to provide sets, costumes and make-up. Gayle Konaszewski, a teacher - producer - director, was pleasantly surprised at the calibre of singing and acting and remarked, "... I was excited at having so much natural talent to work with, most of whom had never

done anything like what we were about to attempt."

Based on the novel "Oliver Twist" written some 140 years ago, Charles Dickens saw Oliver as a "half-starved drudge -- to be cuffed and buffeted ... despised by all, and pitied by none." Eleven year old Terry McConnell in the title role portrayed with facial expression and voice something more -- the eternal optimist, a lovable and loving waif we can all admire. His solo performance of the melancholy song "Where is Love?" brought a well deserved round of sustained applause.

Linda Galessiere, as the rowdy "Artful Dodger" was especially well received. Her singing voice has a bold,

brassy quality so well suited to the part. One can easily picture her strutting about one of our junior or high school stages in the years to come.

David Neary as "Fagin," and Michele Naples in the role of Oliver's protectress "Nancy" rounded out the central characters.

The proverbial "cast of thousands" included a rousing rendition of "Consider Us," complete with some rather intricate choreography featuring Fagin's "gang of boy (and girl) thieves."

Mrs. Joyce Neary led the 28 member choir with Mrs. MacDonald accompanying on the piano.

All in all a pleasurable and worthwhile effort.

WINNERS AGAIN

Maxine's students have done it again at the Peel Music Festival which was held from April 26th to May 1st at Brampton Civic Centre.

A total of 24 students aged between 6 to 15 years were in competition in Tap, Ballet, Modern Jazz and Demi-Character against many other students from all over Ontario. Maxine's girls and boys were winners of 47 gold medals, 20 silver medals and 23 bronze medals for a grand total of 90.

Aida Sutton from London, England was their adjudicator and these are some



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There is a lady in our community who has, for thirteen years, been giving freely of her time to help others. She helps with Red Cross Blood Clinics, Cancer Society drives, English as a second language at Emery Junior High School, etc. But the reason for the pat on the back is for the many, many hours given to the Brownies and Guides in our area.

Jill Norris, of Secroft Cres., was the assistant leader of the very first Brownie pack in the Jane-Finch area. The 543rd. pack met in the Gosford Public School in 1963, with full enrollment and a waiting list. Seeing the obvious need, in the fall of 1964 she started the 543rd. Guide Co., and continued as guide captain for seven years. Illness in the family necessitated a break in her leadership until 1973, when she took over the Jayfinch Ranger Co. She is still Ranger Adviser for these older teens.

During this time, she took on additional Girl Guide responsibilities. From 1965 until 1968, she was District Commissioner helping the leaders of Brownies and

Guides in an area roughly that of Ward 3. Jill was also the liason between them and the division. 1972 found her as Division Commissioner, for an area larger than Ward 3.

Over these same years, she served on many committees for training new leaders, finding guide personnel for the C.N.E., Sportsman Show, etc. As a leader, she still goes on pack holidays with brownies to Ma-Kee-Wa. (These youngsters 'camp' in a lodge.) She also camps with guides in the lodge or in the field under canvas.

So outstanding has been her devotion, that last December, the district guiders (leaders) applied for and received, for her, the Medal of Merit. Very few receive this award from the Ontario Council of Girl Guides. It is given to "members for exceptional service to the Girl Guides of Canada in any field of guiding." A high award to a most deserving person.

Jill enjoys this voluntary work so very much, and always with the support of her husband and three daughters. Her only concern is that not enough of the brownies and guides have the full support of their parents. It can be an invaluable learning experience for those girls whose parents help them, rather than using it as a baby-sitting service.

Help For Small Businesses

York University's Faculty of Administrative Studies is sponsoring a Small Business Assistance Programme providing low cost management consulting and assistance services for small businesses in and around Metro Toronto. Full-time business students, under the supervision of the faculty members in the Department of Administrative Studies, are offering a wide range of problem-solving services to independent businessmen wishing to improve profits, performance, or efficiency, yet unable to afford private professional consultants. The programme began on May 3 and will continue until August 13. Hours are 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. For further information, contact Sharon Clayfield of the Small Business Assistance Programme at York University -- 667-3877.

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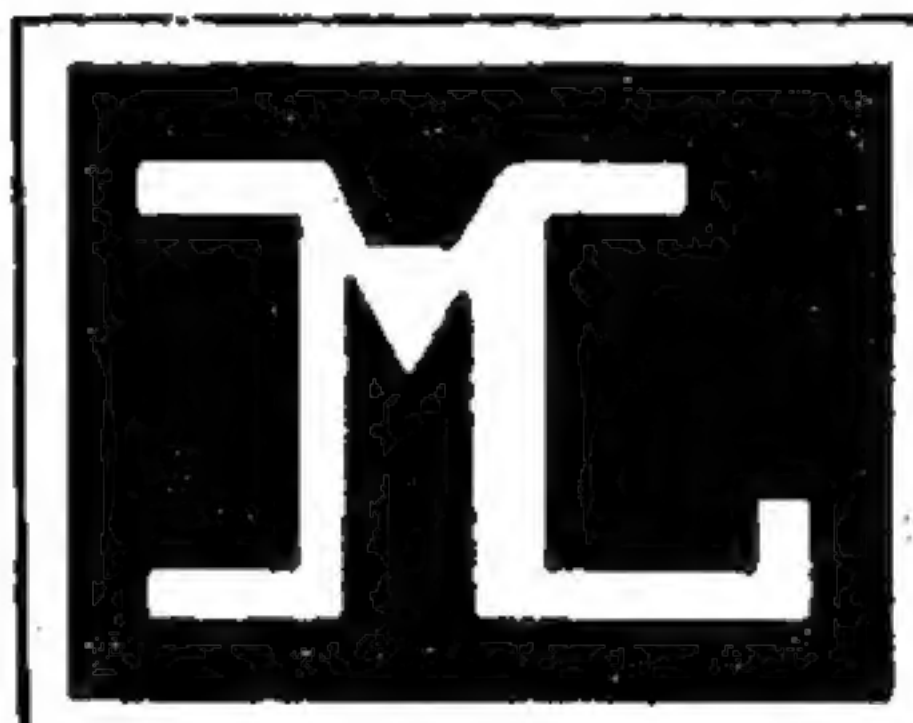
By Peggy Gemmell

The first delegate meeting of the Movement for Toronto (Reform Metro or MMR) was held on Saturday, April 10th. Reform Metro is a citizen's movement formed to improve the quality of municipal government in Metro, principally by encouraging and supporting good candidates for election and by monitoring Council so issues can be brought before the public in time for some response. With municipal elections coming up in December, organizing for that was the major topic of discussion.

Since their founding convention in November 1975, membership has grown to around 300 with representation from across Metro. Their first major public campaign was to "Stop the TTC Fare Increase." Over 30,000 petitions were distributed at TTC stops throughout Metro. Over 15,000 petitions reached the Metro clerks' office and some 600 people attended the council meeting where the fare increase was unfortunately passed by a majority. Reform Metro has also presented two briefs, the first to the Special Committee on Rent Control Legislation, and the second to the Robarts Commission regarding the present property tax structure.

Attendance at the delegate meeting was good with an especially good turnout from North York. The North York group has been working since the founding convention with the following objectives: to organize Reform Metro-North York at the Ward level, to monitor council meetings, and to effect some changes in North York municipal government at the next election.

It was decided that the best way to implement these objectives was to hold regular workshop-style meetings on the Saturday morning immediately before the Monday Council meeting. The workshop will be used to study the Council agenda and become aware of issues coming up. Members are assigned to attend and monitor the Monday meetings. Citizen's groups in the wards will be notified of critical issues coming up. This is a great learning experience for those involved and is open to anyone in North York. The next workshop will be held on June 5th and will be setting up a system for monitoring Council. With a possible eight vacancies in North York Council this election, major organizing will have to be done around election issues and seeking candidates. Providing information will be an important function.



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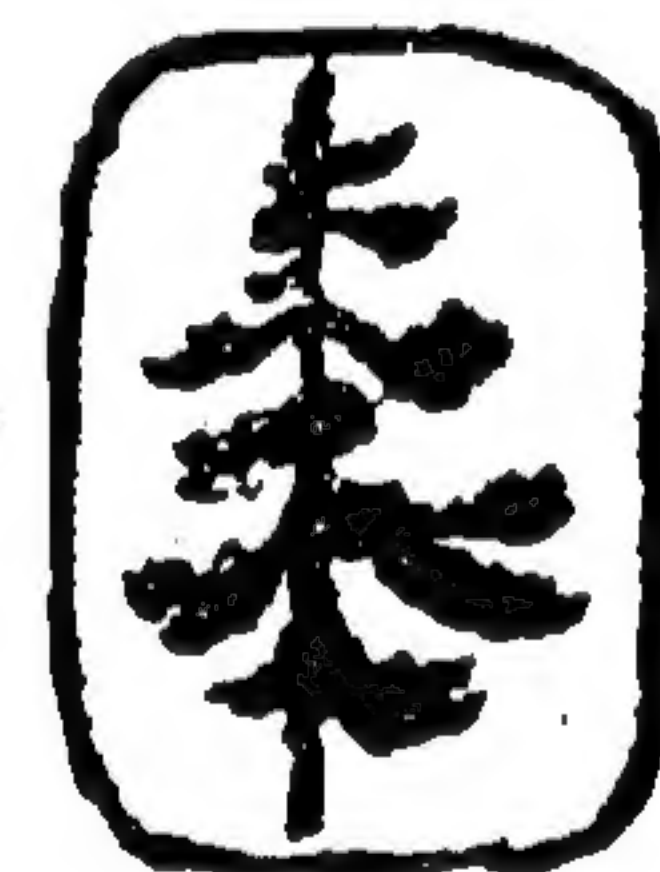
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KATIE HAYHURST

If you live on an internal street somewhere in Ward 3 off Jane or Finch and you need public transit, your help is needed!

Two years ago, Dial-a-Bus was taken from our area. Although parts of Ward 3 recorded 2-3 times more usage than areas south of us, the entire west-end experiment was dropped with no consideration for replacement.

Last month, the Provincial Government announced discontinuation of the last trial Dial-a-Bus route. The York Mills area (S-E of Bayview and 401) is one of Canada's wealthiest communities. In this case, T.T.C. and North York Council suggested immediate replacement of the Dial-a-Bus service at a large cost to

taxpayers. (T.T.C. is already spending a lot in this community for the scheduled mini-bus service that currently runs through the Post Road and Bridle Path areas in the south.)

This recommendation for increased T.T.C. service to York Mills was being made only one month after North York received notice from the T.T.C. that, due to budget restraints in 1976, there would not be sufficient funds for new services, such as for the Ward 3-5 proposal submitted by the community 18 months ago to replace our Dial-a-Bus service.

When presented with this issue at Board of Control, Mayor Lastman and all members of the Board ruled me out of order. They stated that the issue of the west-end bus route was not before them and that only the question of which alternate route to give York Mills was to be considered. They refused to hear my data -- data which showed that we have three times the population, pay less than half the average assessment (meaning we are a lower income community, more likely to use public transit) and we provide a total of nearly 50% more tax revenue than the York Mills area.

My concerns were in order. They should have been heard, for if York Mills were to be given new T.T.C. services, it would mean several areas with more urgent needs

would be left in the cold. It was a clear case -- the rich were to get chauffeured while the rest of us walk. Still I was ruled out of order! I asked Lastman, "Do you have to own a big house and pool to get anything in this Borough?" Out of order!

Time to change tactics. At the public meeting before Council a few days later, the audience of a few hundred people were well infiltrated with Ward 3 residents who demanded to be heard. Being an election year even Mayor Lastman did not refuse them. When the audience cheered loud and clear in support of the North-West sectors, Council had to sit up and take notice. Council voted 8-7 against service to York Mills.

Your help is now desperately needed. It was hard work and only good luck that enough supporters were found to attend the meeting. But Council was impressed and was swayed by the audience. Our specific request for T.T.C. service will be before the Council and T.T.C. very soon. Strong support is necessary. Without it Council could easily "cop-out" and probably would.

If you would like to help, please let me know. I need your support to get this issue settled. Call me at the Borough offices at 225-4611 or visit me at the DWIP Booth on Wednesday evenings, 7:30 - 9.00 p.m.

Basic Level Education



By D. M. Logan
Ward 3 Trustee

During the last few years a new term has appeared in the North York secondary schools -- "Basic Level Education". Enrolment in this program has also increased steadily. What is Basic level? Many people have the misconception that it is only for slow learners and less intelligent children. This is not so. In fact, many bright students find the program suits their needs. The program is designed for students who, for some reason, have experienced difficulty in their elementary education and as a result often lack self confidence and the ability to cope adequately with problems. These difficulties could arise for any one of a whole range of reasons but are usually not due to learning disabilities which are handled by our Special Education program. Whatever the reason they have not done well in school.

At Westview, basic level students are placed in classes with smaller than average enrolments to provide for greater individual attention. In this way the teacher helps the student to develop good

work habits and so essential for today's world. As habits improve, can select one of types of curriculum may move into academic program a course of study to a Secondary Graduation Diploma. On the other hand, the select a program not necessarily diploma but will her more training employment skill. The will teach the only a saleable also foster the work habits required employment.

Every student year Basic level must take Language, Mathematics, Science and Physical Education. The remaining program to fit the student's interests. For example, view will offer in school year program, carpentry, cosmetology, (dressing), computer, landscape gardening, and many others which there are opportunities.

Basic level is another example of recognition by that the standard program does not meet the needs of every student. It is part of the effort by teachers to respect individual and variable needs. I feel that this type of program would suit their needs. I call Westview visit the school more about the program.

Legal Aid Service at Yorkview Office



Fred Young, M.P.P.

As announced in recent issues of the Jane Corridor the Yorkview Constituency Office now includes Legal Aid Assistance to the people of the area.

Extra space has been acquired and the Legal Aid office was officially opened on May 20th at 8:00 P.M. It will be staffed under the direction of the COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES PROGRAM (CLASP -- for short). Greg Jones is the director of CLASP and Gary Lax is Clinical Director. The Yorkview Office is under the direct supervision of George Bart-

Yorkview Service Centre for some time.

The Legal Aid section of the Yorkview Office will be open each Thursday evening from seven to ten. People wishing help with legal problems should plan to drop in between those hours.

The regular service of the office is now operating on schedule from 2 to 7 P.M. Monday and Tuesday and from 2 to 9 P.M. on other days. Saturday hours are a bit of a problem. Mike Morrone, my Executive Assistant, has been in the office from 10 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. But, while things are fairly busy on other days no one seems to need the Saturday service. Mike tried the hours from 1 to 5 Saturday but still with little response. Perhaps it's the early Spring! Anyway, we're still experimenting with hours to see what best serves the Riding. We'll keep you informed.

Provincial Election?

It now appears that there'll be no provincial election in 1976 -- barring an unforeseen accident in the Legislature,

settled down and plowing through the usual routine of legislation, estimates and budget debates. From all indications there won't be too much controversial legislation introduced until such time as the government is ready to go to the people.

Provincial Plaques

Just a reminder that provincial plaques are available for 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries and for 90th and 100th birthdays. If such events are coming up in your families call my office at 965-6384 and we'll arrange it.

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KING OF THE FRIES

By Bill Waicus Jr.

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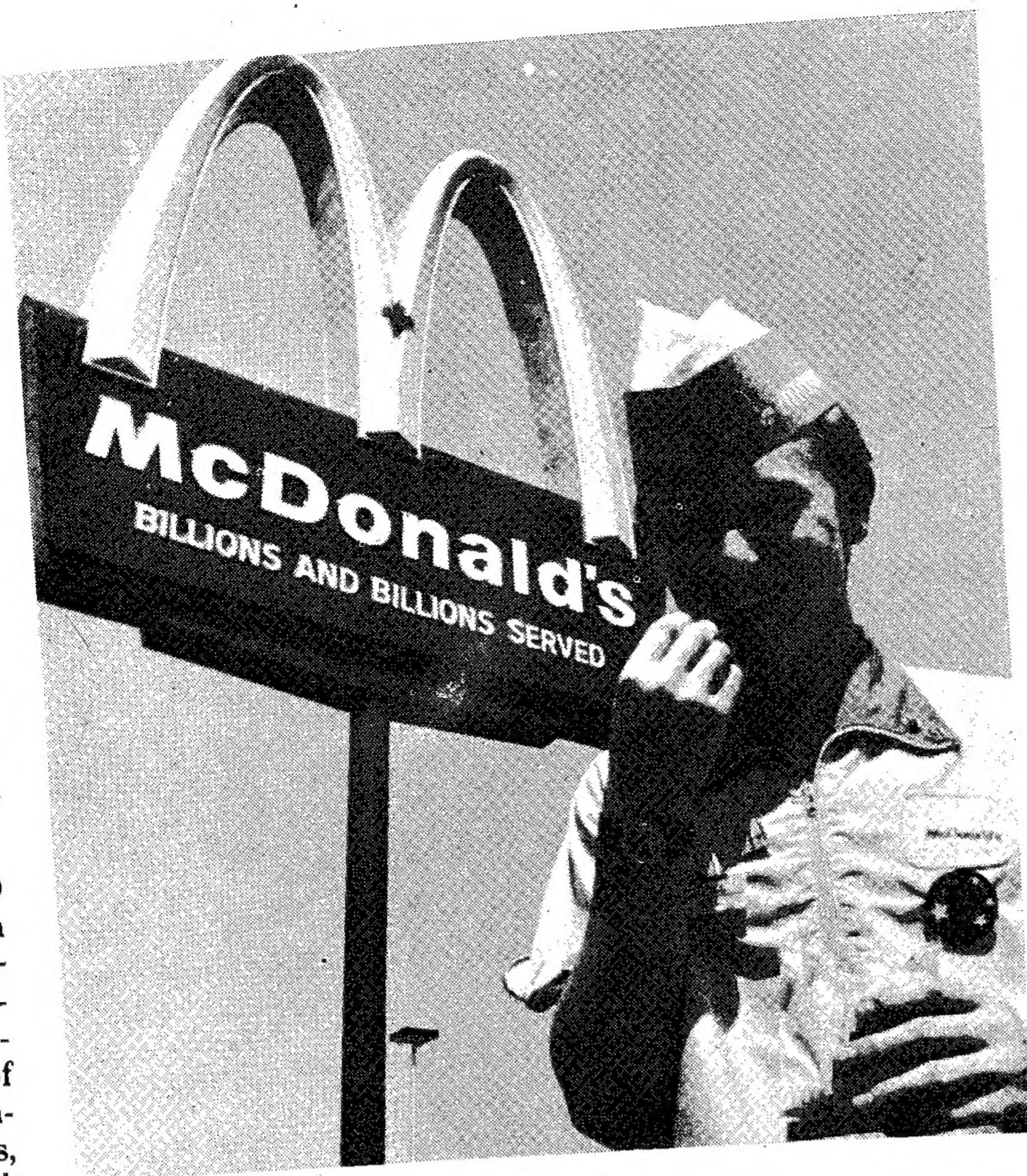
An 18 year old grade 13 student at Westview Centennial S.S. and resident of ward 3 since 1973, Bill has worked part-time under the "double arches", on and off, for about three years. Since last Christmas he has worked McDonald's Finch and Weston Rd. store an average two nights a week and most weekends.

McDonald's, with some 130 outlets across Canada, each year encourages 12,000 employees to enter its "All-Stars" competition. Each employee works at least one of seven "stations": shakes, window, grill, buns, condiments, lot & lobby or fries. Each outlet holds in-store competitions to crown a local champion at every station, followed by area and provincial run-offs. But it is at the national finals (this year held on May 1 in Montreal) where none but the very best cook, pour, sweep, squirt, flip or fry their way to glory.

Bill Wrigley's claim to fame began in February when he beat back all comers to be declared store champ.

"You have to be fast," explained Bill, "but not sloppy. Teamwork and personal appearance count for a lot. At my station judges look for correct shortening levels and temperature (340 F), careful bagging, salting, frying procedures, cleanliness and T.L.C."

For the uninitiated "T.L.C." translates "Tender Loving Care" -- nothing but



"French Fry King" — Bill Wrigley

Photo by Bill Waicus Jr.

the very best handling from frozen fry to final bagging. Warming lamps keep each bag of fries "golden brown and crisp." If unsold 7 1/2 minutes later the order is discarded.

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In March Bill emerged victorious in area competitions. Finally, on April 3, he was crowned "French Fry King" for Southern Ontario and took his place on the "National Canadian All-Star Team" for this region.

His winning ways came to an abrupt end at the national finals in Montreal. After three days of close com-

petition teams from Quebec and the Maritimes walked away with most of the honours.

Does Bill see this line of work as a possible future career?

"No, after starting work towards a degree in Fine Arts at York University this September, I may consider teaching in five years or so. Right now most of my free time (aside from my part-time job) is taken up in cycling, painting and model building."

So if your next bag of french fries feels warmed over, look rubbery and taste about the same, remember there is a guy around who can set you straight -- after all, he's the King!

THE TWIN CITIES

Michael D. G. Copeland

You may have noticed the headline to an article in the April 9th Toronto Star, "Chinese city proposed as twin for North York." The story reported that Controller Alex McGivern's World Cities Committee composed of citizens and politicians had put Tsingtao, China at the top of its list of five cities, followed by Wroclaw, Poland; Ramat Gan, Israel; Zurich and Florence. If successful, North York would be the first municipality to twin with a Chinese city.

What has happened since then?

On April 21st, the World Cities Committee report went to the Board of Control which voted on two motions: to recommend Tsingtao to Council and to postpone twinning. Both resulted in tie votes so the Committee report went directly to Council with no recommendation from the Board.

On April 26th, the matter came to Council, where it was referred back to the committee for reconsideration. First, for those opposed to twinning, a vote to delay was easier than a direct vote against it. Second and more important, council had learned that if the city of Shi-jia Zhuang were substituted for Tsingtao, the chances of a favourable response from the Chinese would be much greater.

The reason for this is that Shi-jia Zhuang, the capital of Hebei province, is the site of the Martyrs Memorial Gardens where Norman Bethune is buried. The city also has a large hospital named in honour of the Canadian doctor who died while serving with the Chinese against the Japanese invasion. Bethune is a great hero in China. Born in Gravenhurst, he lived in Toronto for some of his childhood and later taught school in Edgeley before World War One. One of York University's colleges is named after Bethune, and in 1974 a group of students from Downsview Collegiate visited China and Shi-jia Zhuang.

These ties which link Canada and China, North York and Shi-jia Zhuang can be the basis for building the improved understanding that will come from twinning.

Ed. Note: At a May 11th meeting, Mr. Phil Tory reported that when the City of Toronto twinned with Amsterdam, costs were zero for the first year, less than \$3,000.00 for the second year and less than \$5,000.00 for the third year.

The committee voted to report this to Council to see whether Council was still interested in the World Cities Programme.

The next Committee Meeting will be on May 18th.

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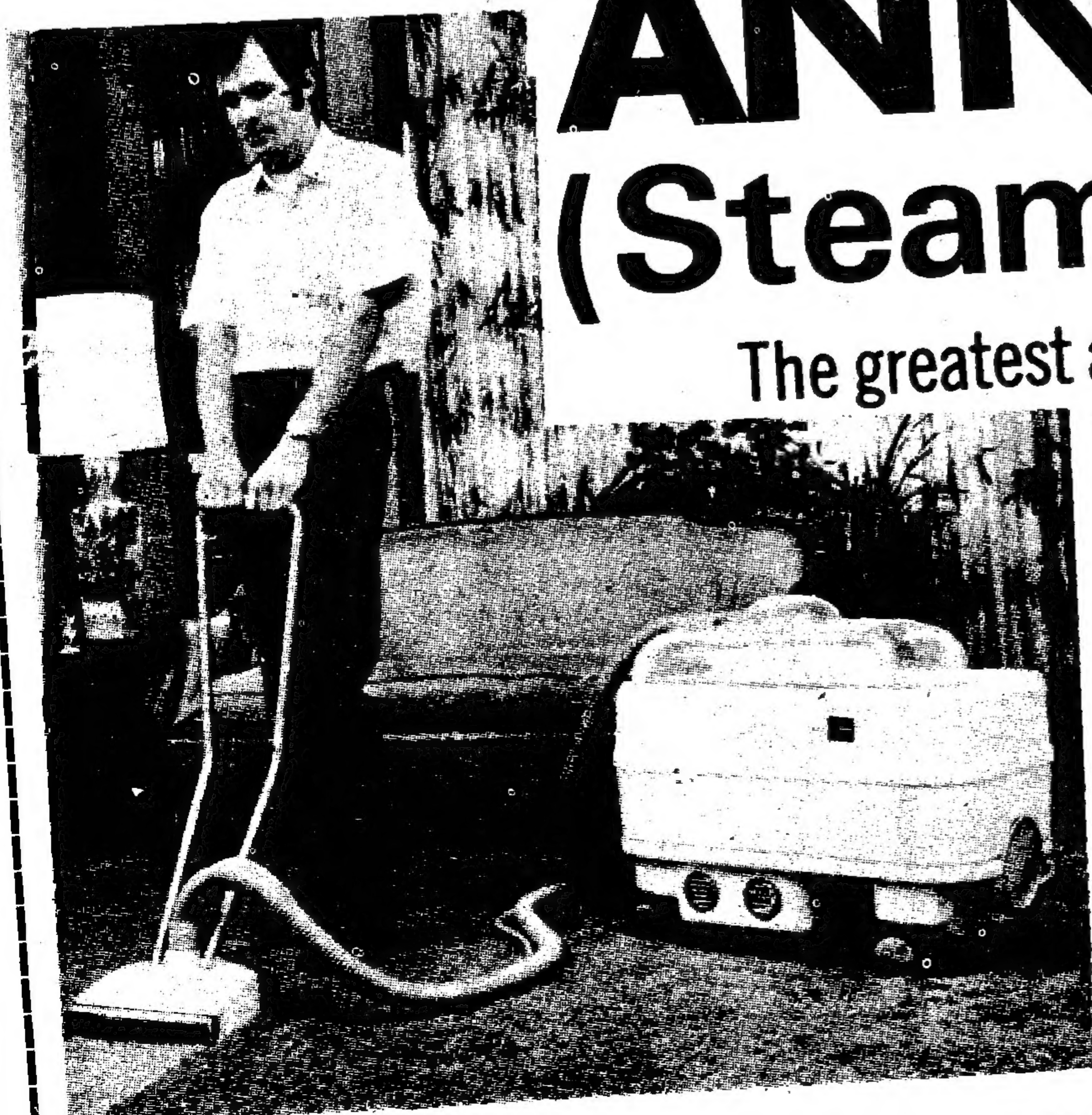
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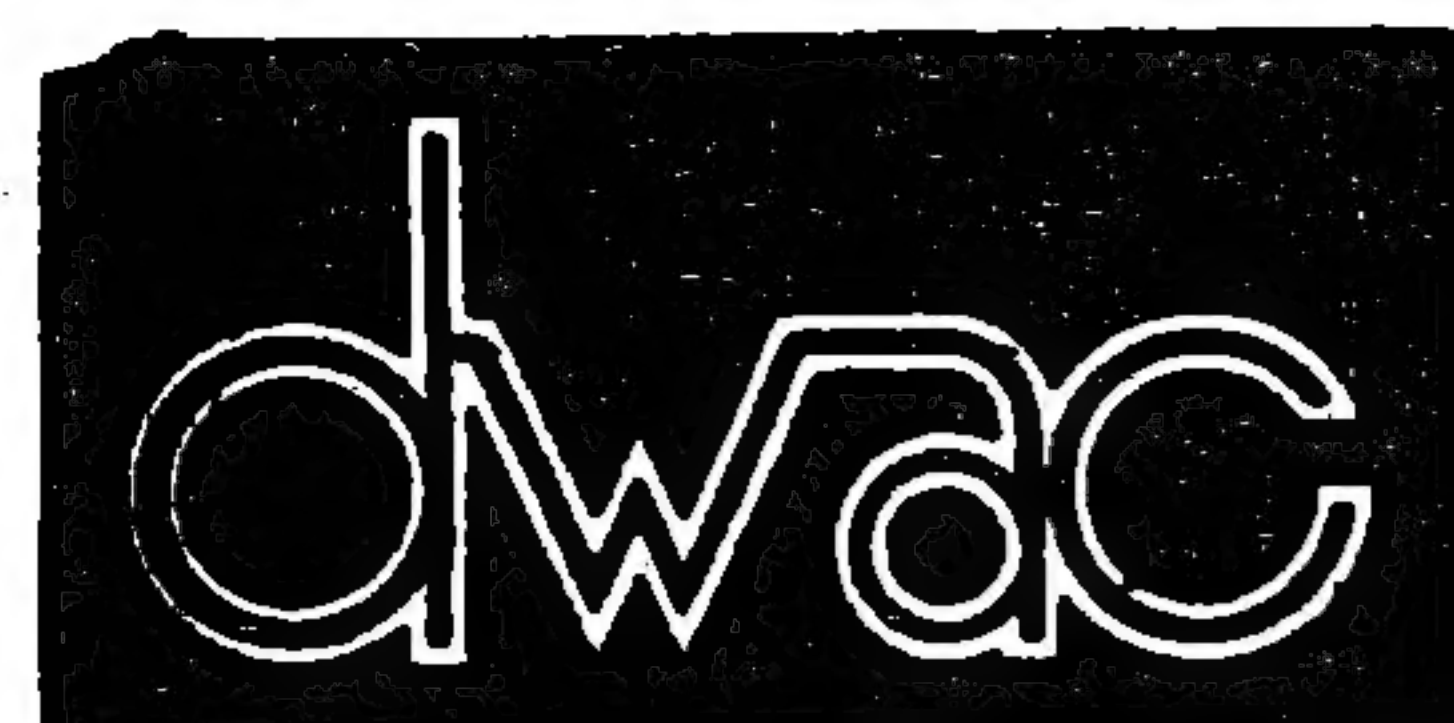
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DOWNSVIEW-WESTON ACTION COMMUNITY

Neighbourhood Action Hearings

By Cynthia Green

YORKTOWN

The Yorktown Neighbourhood Action Hearing was held on Thursday, April 1st at Blacksmith Public School. Among the residents who attended the meeting were three high school students from Westview, who showed a strong interest in getting involved in the community. As a school project, one class at Westview is involved in drafting some planning proposals for the northwest corner of Jane and Finch, the development of which has become a major concern of the area residents. Most of the students' proposals centred on recreational facilities which are sadly lacking in the community. It was suggested that the students contact the Urban Planning Group, attend their meetings, and perhaps present North York Council with a viable planning alternative for development of that parcel of land.

Following along the lines of recreational facilities, there was some discussion regarding the utilization of some of the existing facilities in the area which are not being used at all or are being underused. Antica Village has a large recreation centre which houses a pool, a gymnasium, and a daycare centre. However, this complex is privately owned and the general public is not allowed use of the facilities. It was felt that if the community residents could organize themselves and present some sharing proposals to the owners of some of the buildings which have facilities, perhaps the facilities could be opened up to the benefit of the community-at-large. One suggestion was to have the "Y" come in and run the

programme, thereby eliminating any additional costs to the owners.

It was felt that the young people of the community could benefit from using the Jane Corridor to advertise some of their functions, thus putting the high school students in closer contact with the rest of the community. A successful dance was held recently at Westview, and the advertising of future dances would enable more of the young people in the community to benefit. In addition, the students are planning to organize some sports nights, which could also be published in the paper.

One resident made the suggestion that a night be reserved for adults who wished to learn to skate. Often the ice rink is crowded with quickly manoeuvring skaters, making non-skaters nervous and embarrassed. Helen Ede, a DWAC member, offered to write to Parks and Recreation to inquire as to the possibility of such a programme.

A "Boccia" court in Elm Park was considered to be a desirable facility in the area, but unfortunately, the lack of a fence enclosure makes the court dangerous to others. It was decided that a letter to Parks and Recreation bringing the matter to their attention, might hopefully result in the matter being resolved satisfactorily.

The residents attending the hearing were very co-operative and appeared to be anxious to work for the community. The potential to improve the neighbourhood is there; all that is required is some organization to get things done.

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

The final Neighbourhood Action Hearing was held at St. Charles Garnier School on Wednesday, April 7th. Those present at the meeting reinforced the feelings generated throughout the entire ward: the lack of recreational facilities, the over-crowded conditions and the poor transportation system.

In addition, fear was expressed by several people about venturing near Edgeley Park even during the daylight hours. It appears that gangs of youths with a surplus

of time and a lack of anything to do congregate in the area and harass those passing by or wishing to use the park.

The community members appear to be at a loss as to what to do to counter this threat in their neighbourhood and many feel that the community as a whole is largely apathetic. It was pointed out that a new, well-equipped recreation centre was being built in Edgeley, which would hopefully provide much needed recreational facilities and programmes for the young.

Action Hearing Results

All of the DWAC sponsored Neighbourhood Action Hearings have taken place. One of the purposes of those hearings was to find out the kinds of things people would like to see happen in their neighbourhoods and to take steps toward attaining them. Already, in many cases, action has been taken.

Spenvalley: The residents wanted the use of Spenvalley school for various adult and youth programmes; they wanted more trees in the area; they wanted to seek Wintario or other funding to help finance baseball teams or an adventure playground. A letter was written to Dave Logan, Ward 3 Trustee. He replied that space is available at the Public School and that the Principal, Mr. Gane, is prepared to give all the assistance he can. Dr. Logan also stated that the School Board would be happy to cooperate with other funding agencies "If the end effect is the provision of improved facilities for the school or the community." Mr. Klomp has been looking into the matter of getting more trees for this community.

Stanley Road: A letter was sent on February 16th to Mr. Chusid, the lawyer for Crang Plaza, asking if a movie theatre could be included in this Plaza's renovation plans. It was stressed that this could be one answer to a strong need for recreational facilities. To date, this letter has not been answered.

The residents were concerned about the possibility of an interchange being built at Sheppard Avenue and Highway 400. A letter from W.C. Friedmann, Regional Expressway Planning Engineer, states that the Ministry has, with the co-operation of the

Borough of North York, developed a design for a future interchange at this location and that "the Ministry has also committed itself to constructing the interchange at such time as the existing structure needs replacement or the Highway requires further widening." There are no plans for an interchange at Steeles Avenue.

Northover: The inconsistent service of the bus route along Sheppard Avenue was criticized and the need for a bus shelter at Giltspur and Jane was emphasized. These grievances have been brought to the attention of the proper authorities and word has been received that a shelter for the west side of Jane Street and Giltspur Road has been proposed. Mr. S. R. Cole, Commissioner of Traffic, stated that "This coincides with the information obtained from the Toronto Transit Commission regarding the boarding figures which indicate that the southbound riding figures are approximately twice that of the northbound riding figures." Pocket timetables of the Sheppard Avenue bus route are available at the DWIP booth.

A meeting was held with Tom Thompson, head of Metro Parks Commission, to discuss the possibility of locating a swimming pool and tennis courts in Downsview Dells. There will be no facilities in the Dells, we are informed.

A meeting is being arranged to see if any of the requested services can be provided in an area near to the Dells.

Many other needs (primarily those dealing with recreation) are being dealt with. The Jane Corridor will report results as we learn of them.

TREES

By R. Klomp

In the March issue of the Jane Corridor there was an article about obtaining trees for the Spenvalley area. Those interested in having a tree planted on the boulevard in front of their houses were to have phoned me. Two people phoned. Lack of interest has forced us to cancel this project.

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Cento persone su un agglomerato di 50,000 non rappresenta una grande proporzione. Forse la ragione per cui il North York Council non è venuto incontro ai nostri problemi è perché pochi di noi dimostrano d'interessarsi. Dopo aver lavorato sodo ed a lungo su altri problemi con scarsi risultati parecchi tra noi potranno pensare che le proteste dei cittadini siano inutili.

Questo caso è differente. Siamo ora in possesso di prove documentate che mostrano il sovraffollamento con tutte le conseguenze negative. La zona in questione prevede che una parte di essa venga adibita a costruzioni di case. L'imprenditore edile dovrebbe far cambiare l'attuale disposizione di legge per costruire i sei grattacieli. Abbiamo a nostro favore il rapporto di Klein e Sears ed il North York Board of Education che oppongono il cambiamento delle norme in vigore.

Dobbiamo ora far sentire la nostra voce. Dobbiamo far sapere al Planning Board ed al Council che i residenti del Ward 3 non sono disposti a subire prepotenze od accettare qualunque piano di riforma.

Non è stata ancora stabilita la data per il dibattito pubblico con il Planning Board. Per sapere esattamente la data chiamate The Chairman of North York Planning Board, il signor Morton Smith, al 863-1900. Nel giorno stabilito saremo tutti presenti. Facciamo in modo che i residenti del Ward 3 presentino una forza compatta che incuti considerazione e rispetto.

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L'attuale piano zonale consente la costruzione di case unifamiliari ed appartamenti di pochi piani oltre a qualche costruzione per uso industriale. Il piano del Distretto 10 permette invece uno sviluppo ad alta densità per le abitazioni e per uso commerciale. La richiesta

fatta dai costruttori per cambiare il piano di zona e rifarlo con gli stessi criteri del Distretto 10 sarà discussa dal consiglio dopo che verrà tenuta una seduta pubblica nel mese di giugno. Durante la seduta del 5 maggio è stata avanzata la proposta di accettare il piano dei costruttori che prevede la costruzione di 1300 appartamenti in sei grattacieli e di avviare delle trattative per lo sviluppo di centri commerciali e ricreativi. È stato anche fatto notare che i costruttori non possono risolvere i problemi connessi al sovraffollamento nelle scuole o al traffico. Sarebbe inoltre ingiusto ed irrealistico aspet-

tarsi dai costruttori la soluzione dei problemi ricreativi del Ward 3.

Ma la posizione di coloro che si oppongono al cambiamento del piano zonale è passata a grande maggioranza con soli quattro voti contrari.

La decisione di opporsi al cambiamento del piano zonale è stata raggiunta dopo un'attenta discussione tenutasi durante una sessione di studi presso l'Università di York il 24 aprile scorso. Durante la seduta erano state prese in esame numerose proposte alternative da parte di un gruppo di 30 persone.

SERVIZI LEGALI ALL'UFFICIO DI YORKVIEW

Come è stato annunciato nelle recenti edizioni del Jane Corridor, lo "Yorkview Constituency Office" include ora anche l'assistenza legale agli abitanti di quest'area.

Altro spazio è stato acquistato e l'ufficio è stato aperto ufficialmente al pubblico in 20 maggio alle ore 8 P. M. Il personale sarà sotto la direzione del "Community Legal Aid Service Program" (CLASP -- in breve). Il direttore di questa organizzazione è Greg Jones L'avvocato George Bartlett che risiede in Yorkview e che ha prestato servizio in quest'area già da qualche

tempo sarà il dirigente di questo nuovo ufficio.

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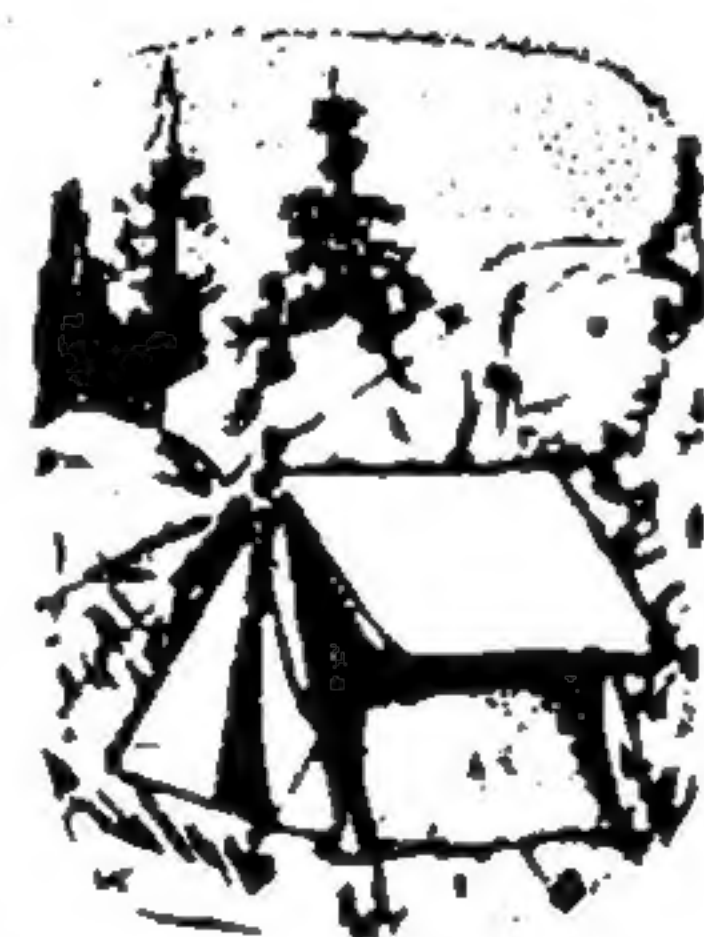
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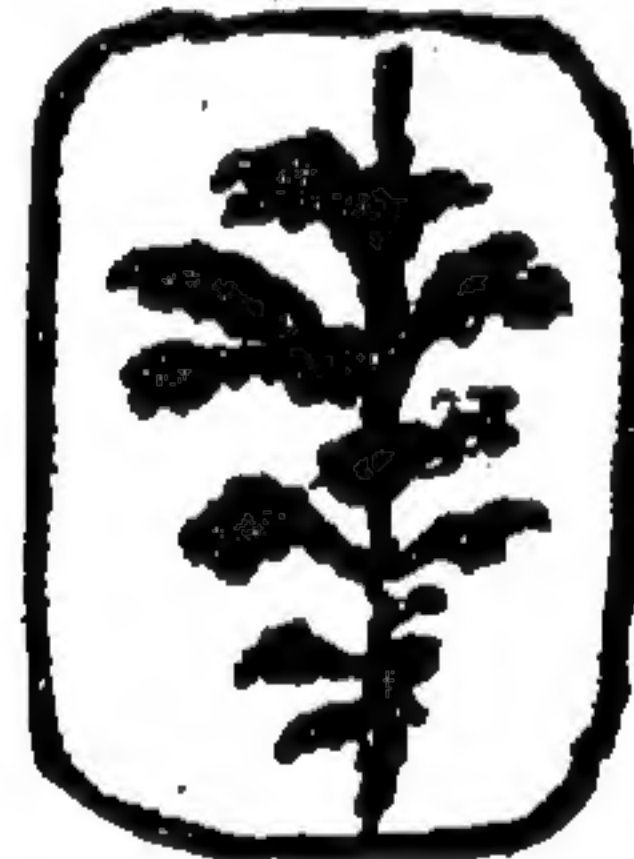
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The York Youth Connection

York University is a cultural oasis in the otherwise bleak landscape of northwest Toronto. In an endeavour to open the doors of the University to the adjacent community, members of the York community have been meeting with representatives of the Jane-Finch community and Social Service Agencies to discuss how the needs of the area can best be met. It is felt that an educational/recreational programme directed towards improving inter-cultural communications would be invaluable to the community. The York Youth Connection is a proposal resulting from several months of discussion and preparation, and it is hoped this will be the first of many co-operative ventures between the community and the University.

The York Youth Connection is a non-profit organization. It consists of both community and university members who are concerned with the social and cultural problems which have become prevalent in Ward Three in North York. It is a pilot project in the form of a summer programme which will attempt to meet the needs of multi-cultural youth, aged 12 to 16.

Since ethnic diversity is a central feature of Ward Three, the positive cultural differences that exist among the community, as well as the

establishment of a Canadian identity and a sense of belonging, will be developed and encouraged. It is hoped that a summer programme would be seen by individuals in this community as the beginning of a more harmonious multi-cultural co-existence. The programme will concentrate on the following areas:

Education -- programmes which will develop reading and language skills.

Recreation -- there will be a variety of programmes in the arts (music, dance, theatre) and sports (floor-hockey, basketball, archery, etc.).

Human Development -- to encourage a strong, stable sense of self and to excite a feeling of pride and dignity both inter- and intra-culturally.

Fifty-three per cent of the financing for this Pilot Project will be met by York University and the remaining 47% will be provided by Win-tario.

The Co-ordinator of York Youth Connection will work with the Guidance Counsellors from Jane and Oakdale Junior High Schools, the Youth Clinic and the Youth Action Project in the selection of young people who will benefit most from the proposed programme and to gather some background information on the specific needs of those selected.



York students take time out

photo courtesy York University

Dellcrest Seeks Volunteers

Each year Dellcrest Children's Centre, a treatment facility for emotionally disturbed children, helps 1,000 children whose emotional problems are serious enough to require professional treatment. The children range in age from 3-18 and the average age is 10. There are 8 different programmes at Dellcrest and prevention is one of the newest aspects of some of our programmes. The programmes involve personnel going out into the community to work with children and their parents before severe problems occur. To do this, we are looking for volunteers

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